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The Banco de España brings together the leaders of 26 central banks and multilateral organisations, as well as distinguished researchers from ten academic institutions, for the inaugural edition of the LatAm Economic Forum in Roda de Bará

The Banco de España is hosting the inaugural edition of the LatAm Economic Forum on 8 and 9 May in Roda de Bará (Tarragona). This is an international gathering intended to provide a platform for prominent figures from central banking and academia to share thoughts, ideas and courses of actions with a spotlight on Latin America. Governors and deputy governors from 20 central banks and supervisory authorities from America, Europe and Asia, senior representatives of six multilateral and economic organisations and leading researchers and academics from ten institutions are attending the event, with its focus on “Capital Flows, Exchange Rates, and Geopolitics”.

The President of the European Central Bank, Christine Lagarde, opened the proceedings with a speech entitled “Stablecoins within a global context”. Four panels on the following topics are on the agenda: Tariffs and geoeconomics, Exchange rates and monetary policy, Managing capital flows, and Tariffs, exchange rates and monetary policy. In addition, the event is hosting the 120th Meeting of Governors of Central Bank Members of the Center for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA).

Participants include the governors of the central banks of the Bahamas, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Eastern Caribbean, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela; leaders of the supervisory authorities of the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Panama; the Executive President of the Latin American Reserve Fund (FLAR); and deputy governors of the central banks of Argentina, Chile, El Salvador, Honduras, Hungary, the Philippines and Spain. Participating academics include Agustín Carstens, Andrés Velasco, Alejandro Werner, Hélène Rey, Laura Alfaro, Maurice Obstfeld and Silvana Tenreyro.

Christine Lagarde’s speech can be viewed here: <https://youtube.com/live/3oAUeukWmt4>

The forum is also hosting the 120th Meeting Governors of Central Bank Members of CEMLA, led by José Luis Escrivá, the Chair of its Governing Board, and Manuel Ramos Francia, its Director General.

Alongside the usual meetings of CEMLA's Governing Board and Assembly, the event will be capped by two monographic sessions: one on the initiatives to integrate cross-border payment systems and the other presenting the Report on the Latin American Economy, recently published by the Banco de España.

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